

CITU starts awareness campaign on labour policies

- Staff Reporter

The Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) has started an awareness drive for the working class across the State ahead of its 15th national conference scheduled to be held in Puri from November 26 to 30.

As per the CITU leaders, the aim is to revitalise the labour movement in Odisha before this conference, which is to be attended by around 2,500 delegates from all over the country. Preparatory committees for the conference have been formed in all districts of the state. These committees will work to create awareness among the working class about anti-labour policies of the Central and State governments. Seminars on issues related to the labour class will be organised in all districts in the upcoming months. These efforts would also be a preparatory work for the nationwide strike to be held by trade unions on September 2.

On Sunday, the preparatory committee of CITU for Ganjam district held a conference in Berhampur, which was attended by activists of various trade unions. Odisha State general secretary of CITU Bishnu Mohanty and State CPI (M) secretary A. K. Patnaik were also present. Discussions were held on organising the working class and methods to increase their awareness about anti-labour policies.

Mr Patnaik said it was an irony that only three per cent of the labour force had become part of unions. He hoped that through the efforts taken up by CITU a large number of workers of the unorganised sector would get united to think and fight for their rights. "At present, we have started to highlight attempts of the Central government to curtail labour rights, and the Odisha government's neglect towards labour-related issues," said Mr. Patnaik.

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